(e) Muzaffarpur-Patna Section (NH-77 & NH-19) is identified for development to four lane standards with private sector participation on 'Built, Operate and Transfer' basis (BOT) under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-Ill.

World Bank Assistance for A.P.

519. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is funding the development of more road and highway projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of projects identified therefor; and

(c) if so, the amount of World Bank aid is likely to be made available for the projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. As for National Highways are concerned, no project in Andhra Pradesh is being funded by World Bank at present.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Launching of operational flights

520. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a proposal has been formulated by the Indian Space Research Organisation for launching of seven operational flights of the Geo-Synchronous Launch Vehicle (GSLV) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,325 crores; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the distinctive features of the various flights, the time-frame fixed therefor and the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After successfully completing three flights of Geo-Synchronous